

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

With reference to Figure 2 and subsequent figures, the details of various components as well as the interaction of those components is explained. In this embodiment, marking guide 24 is affixed to ruler member 22 at a marking end 34 of the ruler. Generally opposite marking guide 24, ruler 22 is slidably received by locking mechanism 26, and stop plate 30 is mounted to locking mechanism 26. Thus, the distance between marking guide 24 and stop plate 30 may be adjusted by sliding locking mechanism 26 along ruler 22.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Furthermore, block 64 comprises a recessed portion 86 for pivotably receiving lever 28. Recessed portion 86 is partially defined by a pair of end walls 88 having corresponding openings 90 therethrough. Openings 90 are sized to receive a pivot pin 92 (see Figure 2) to pivotably secure an end of lever 28 in recessed portion 86.

Block 64 comprises a threaded opening 94 by which stop plate 30 is pivotably secured to block 64 via a threaded fastener 96, such as a shoulder screw. Block 64 also includes a handle attachment region 98 having a handle retention opening 100 for receiving handle 32. In the embodiment illustrated, the axis of handle retention opening 100 is

generally perpendicular to the axis of threaded opening 94. This permits handle 32 to be used as a stabilization member to lock stop plate 30 at a desired angle.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Referring again to Figure 2 along with Figures 12 and 13, an exemplary stop plate 30 comprises an abutment surface 126 positioned to abuttingly engage the end of a bone member. Stop plate 30 further comprises a cutout region 128 sized to receive block 64. A fastener opening 130 extends to cutout region 128 and is sized to receive threaded fastener 96 when threaded fastener 96 is inserted through opening 130 and threadably engaged with block 64 via threaded opening 94. Fastener opening 130 allows stop plate 30 to pivot about threaded fastener 96.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Additionally, expanded ~~portion 138~~ portion 132 may comprise an outer face 140 having a plurality of angled wall sections, e.g. wall sections 142, 144 and 146, respectively. Angled wall sections 142, 144 and 146 correspond to desired angular positions of stop plate 30 and are generally aligned with handle 32. For example, wall sections 142, 144 and 146 may correspond to the perpendicular, plus six degree and minus six degree positions relative to ruler 22, as discussed above. When handle 32 is tightened against a

desired angled wall section, the stop plate 30 is locked at that specific angular position for use in making measurements on a desired bone member. Furthermore, stop plate 30 may have an opened area 148 (see Figure 2) to promote greater visibility of the end of the bone member when aligning measuring guide 20.